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Office of Passport Policy
Planning and Advisory Services
Bureau of Consular Affairs
U.S. Department of State
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300
Washington DC 20037

Re: Costs Associated with Passport Issuance

Dear Sir/Madam:

It has been the pleasure of the City of Lathrop to serve the US Department of State and to provide a service to our community, and surrounding cities, which makes it convenient for people to come to City Hall to conduct business in a pleasant, comfortable and receptive environment.

I received a letter from Frank E. Moss, United States Department of State, dated October 13, 2006 stating that the "execution fee for tourist/business passport applications might be lowered due to the effects of increased demand lowering the Department of State's costs for passport acceptance, adjudication and production". If this is truly the case, then it would make sense that the \$67.00/\$52.00 fee would be lowered.

Included in this proposal is a fee reduction for the City of Lathrop for processing passports from \$30.00 to \$25.00. It does not take any less time to process a passport application through our passport acceptance facility, we will simply have more passports to process. I do not support the execution fee being reduced. Such a reduction will have a detrimental effect on maintaining the current hours of operation and an undue hardship on our already reduced staffing levels.

I hope you can understand the negative effect that a reduction of the execution fee will have on maintaining our current level of service.

Sincerely,

Rick Caldeira, CMC
City Clerk

cc: Mike Spata, City Manager
Mike Silva, San Francisco Passport Agency